

STATE OF MAINE  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Docket No. 98-029

December 22, 1998

RICHARD CLARK, et al. v.  
NORTHERN UTILITIES, INC.,  
Petition to Require Commission  
Investigation of Unreasonable  
Acts or Practices Regarding  
Cost of Gas

ORDER

WELCH, Chairman, NUGENT and DIAMOND, Commissioners

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## **I. SUMMARY OF ORDER**

We remove one sentence in our November 19th Order to clarify that we do not require Northern Utilities, Inc. (Northern) to file its final contract with Granite State Gas Transmission, Inc. (Granite) for liquefied natural gas (LNG) storage service for our approval if it is unchanged from the one we previously reviewed in Docket No. 95-480.

## **II. BACKGROUND & DISCUSSION**

In our Order dated November 19, 1998, we dismissed this complaint, finding that it was unnecessary to reopen our previous decision allowing Northern to enter into a Precedent Agreement with Granite for LNG services from its proposed Wells facility.

On December 9, 1998, Northern requested that we reconsider and remove one statement in the order appearing in the last paragraph of Section VI(C) because it implies that Northern must file for our approval its final contract with Granite, even if unchanged from the one submitted for our review in Docket No. 95-480.

The language in question reads: "since Northern has not presented a final contract for our review, investigation into these matters would be premature at this time."

We remove the above quoted language to make clear that we do not require Northern to refile its final contract with Granite for our review if it is unchanged from the one we reviewed in Docket No. 95-480. The discussion that remains in the order

addresses issues that Northern should consider as it moves forward with this supply arrangement. Any changed contract would require our review and approval pursuant to 35-A M.R.S.A. §707.

Dated at Augusta, Maine this 22nd day of December, 1998.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

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Dennis L. Keschl  
Administrative Director

COMMISSIONERS VOTING FOR: WELCH  
NUGENT  
DIAMOND

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